

REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-16 as being patentable over the prior art references, and claims 17-20 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant accepts the allowed subject matter without making any admissions as to the accuracy of the Examiner's comments regarding the rejected claims.

Specification

The amendments to the specification are required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.117, to secure correspondence between the drawings and the specification. The substitute formal drawings submitted herewith correct minor informalities, and no new matter is added.

Drawings

The applicant requests that the examiner consider and accept these substitute drawings that correct minor margin and other informalities. Please replace the original 11 formal drawings sheets with the 11 substitute formal drawing sheets. FIG. 5B was removed and FIG. 5C was amended to FIG. 5B. These substitute formal drawings are submitted to correct informalities and no new matter is included.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, does not introduce any 35 U.S.C. §112 or other deficiencies to the specification, and does contribute to the clarity, economy and efficiency in the final patent as will issue. No new matter is added. Applicant further requests that Examiner contact his attorney by telephone, email, or facsimile if there are any additional questions or the Examiner wishes to discuss any issues, questions, or comments that would facilitate and expedite the patent process.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, does not introduce deficiencies or new matter, and respectfully requests its consideration and allowance. Applicant further requests that Examiner contact his attorney by telephone, email,

or facsimile if there are any additional questions or the Examiner wishes to discuss any issues, questions, or comments that would facilitate and expedite the patent process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott J. Asmus".

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